

SAN FRANCISCO — Twitter has suspended its verification program following outrage over handing a blue checkmark to the organizer of the deadly Charlottesville rally in August. The company also plans to hide hate symbols behind a "sensitive image" warning, though it has not yet defined what qualifies as a hate symbol.

**'I never showed a woman my d\*\*\* without asking first'**

'I would love to stay in touch': Serial sexter Anthony Weiner 'asks for PEN PALS' as he begins his 21-month prison sentence for messaging a minor

Abby Schachner (right) claims she could hear the comedian masturbating while they were on the phone in 2003.

**Just today, the state of New York decided that a TEST was “racist” because more whites passed it than minorities.**

@jack Soon the decentralized internet will become counter cultural. It will be the cool thing to do. Millions will flee these digital ghettos.

TAYLOR SWIFT WILL MAKE NAZIS GREAT AGAIN

'You should f\*\*\* her to make her realize she's gay': Ellen Page claims Brett Ratner outed her during X-Men filming in powerful Facebook post as she says working on Woody Allen film is the biggest regret of her career

'I did a Woody Allen movie and it is the biggest regret of my career. I am ashamed I did this. I had yet to find my voice and was not who I am now and felt pressured, because "of course you have to say yes to this Woody Allen film." Ultimately, however, it is my choice what films I decide to do and I made the wrong choice. I made an awful mistake.'

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and have the privileges I have, because of these extraordinary and courageous individuals who have led the way and risked their lives while doing so. White supremacy continues to silence people of color, while I have the rights I have because of these leaders. They are who we should be listening to and learning from.

Yet, conservatives say, nothing happened to rapper Talib Kweli and his followers when they attacked black Breitbart reporter Jerome Hudson with racial slurs. When Breitbart contributor Kassy Dillon complained about a Twitter user who sent her harassing tweets and messages, Twitter made the perpetrator delete one tweet that suggested someone shoot Dillon in the head.

We just decided to share our internal safety work streams & shipping calendar tomorrow (10/19). This makes us feel uncomfortable because it's a work in progress & rough LIKE NON-CONSENSUAL BUTT SEX, but it's the right thing to do: we believe showing our thinking and work in real-time will help build trust.

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We will send you an SMS with a verification code. SMS fees may apply.

+1 United States ▾

Your phone number

Unsupported phone number.

☐ Let others find me by my phone number

Send code

Why do you require that users have a telephone number? I am a shepardic Jew who does not believe in spending more money than is necessary. I was able to communicate with many of my acquaintances on Twitter without a telephone. Now I am not able to do this. May Jehovah evaporate your sperm and ovum.

Twitter's origins lie in a "daylong brainstorming session" held by board members of the [podcasting](#) company [Odeo](#). [Jack Dorsey](#), then an undergraduate student at [New York University](#), introduced the idea of an individual using an SMS service to communicate with a small group.<sup>[20][21]</sup>

The original [project code name](#) for the service was **twtr**, an idea that Williams later ascribed to [Noah Glass](#).<sup>[22]</sup>

The first Twitter prototype, developed by Dorsey and contractor Florian Weber, was used as an internal service for Odeo employees<sup>[26]</sup> and the full version was introduced publicly on July 15, 2006.<sup>[7]</sup> In October 2006, [Biz Stone](#), [Evan Williams](#), Dorsey, and other members of Odeo formed Obvious Corporation and acquired Odeo, together with its assets—including Odeo.com and Twitter.com—from the investors and shareholders.<sup>[27]</sup> Williams fired Glass, who was silent about his part in Twitter's startup until 2011.<sup>[28]</sup> Twitter spun off into its own company in April 2007.<sup>[29]</sup> Williams provided insight into the ambiguity that defined this early period in a 2013 interview:

**Odeo** was a directory and search destination website for [RSS](#)-syndicated audio and video. It employed tools that enabled users to create, record, and share [podcasts](#) with a simple [Adobe Flash](#)-based interface.

Odeo was originally developed by founders [Noah Glass](#) and [Evan Williams](#), who were the founders of Audioblog and [Pyra Labs](#), respectively, and received funding from [Charles River Ventures](#). Subsequently, Williams bought out Charles River's interest in the company, as well as that of several other investors, and re-formed the organization under a new company, Obvious Corp, which planned to develop new products, including [Twitter](#).

On February 19, 2007, Williams wrote in his [blog](#) that Odeo was for sale.<sup>[1]</sup> It was acquired soon afterwards by New York-based Sonic Mountain.<sup>[2]</sup> After leaving [Industrial Light and Magic](#), Glass worked on several projects with [Marc Canter](#), founder of [Macromind](#) which later became [Macromedia](#), birthplace of [Shockwave](#) and later [Flash](#) animation & multimedia software.

Canter grew up in a political environment.<sup>[1]</sup> His father was a Democratic politician and organizer of a [meat packers](#) union in Chicago, and a mentor to political consultant [David Axelrod](#).<sup>[1]</sup> His grandfather, Harry Canter, was leader of the [Communist Party](#) of Massachusetts, a translator for the [Soviet Union](#), and later, a publisher of communism-related books as well as a leftist weekly, the [Chicago Star](#), that he bought from [Frank Marshall Davis](#).<sup>[1][3]</sup>

Canter recalls marching with Martin Luther King, Jr. and being heavily involved in Chicago political campaigns as a child.<sup>[1]</sup>

[noah glass @noah](#) 13 Sep 2013

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I wish the twitter team the best of luck and trust that they will be successful in continuing to develop this important communication tool.

Christopher Isaac Stone

**Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone**<sup>[1][2]</sup> (born March 10, 1974)<sup>[3]</sup> is an American entrepreneur who co-founded [Twitter](#), among other Internet-based services. His first startup was [Xanga](#) in 1999. Stone co-founded his latest venture, [Jelly](#), with Ben Finkel.

Stone is an active philanthropist, and is involved in causes including [animal rights](#), [veganism](#),<sup>[21]</sup> [environmentalism](#), [poverty](#), [health](#) and [education](#).<sup>[22]</sup> Stone is an advisor and contributor to [DonorsChoose](#), a nonprofit organization helping classrooms in need.<sup>[23]</sup>

Stone lives in [Marin County, California](#) with his wife Livia and his son Jacob.<sup>[24]</sup> He and his wife founded and operate the Biz and Livia Stone Foundation, which supports education and conservation in California.<sup>[25]</sup>

Stone is also an advisor to Zoic Studios, and an Executive Producer of the documentary, *[Eating Animals](#)*, along with [Natalie Portman](#).<sup>[8]</sup>

From 2003 to 2005, Stone was employed by [Google](#).<sup>[9]</sup>

Seeing the first "Star Wars" film in 1977 was a life-changing experience for UCLA alumnus Andrew Orloff, one that set him on his path toward his career in visual effects. Now, Orloff uses computers to build his own spaceships as an Emmy Award-nominated digital effects supervisor and a co-founder of Zoic Studios.

Although the special effects industry, which includes stunts and optical illusions created on set, has been around for decades, the visual and digital effects industry was barely emerging when Orloff graduated from UCLA in 1993. Since then, he's watched it evolve into a multibillion-dollar business while he worked on shows like "CSI," "True Blood," "Falling Skies" and "Once Upon a Time."



**Andy Cohen** 

@Andy

Replying to [@KARMarie88](#)

yes I am racist! I hate white people!

8:41 p.m. · 14 Dec 16

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**3** Retweets **5** Likes

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**Jared Kotler** 

@Marcy\_Kid

Replying to [@aaronjhill](#) [@gigigurl79](#) and 4 others

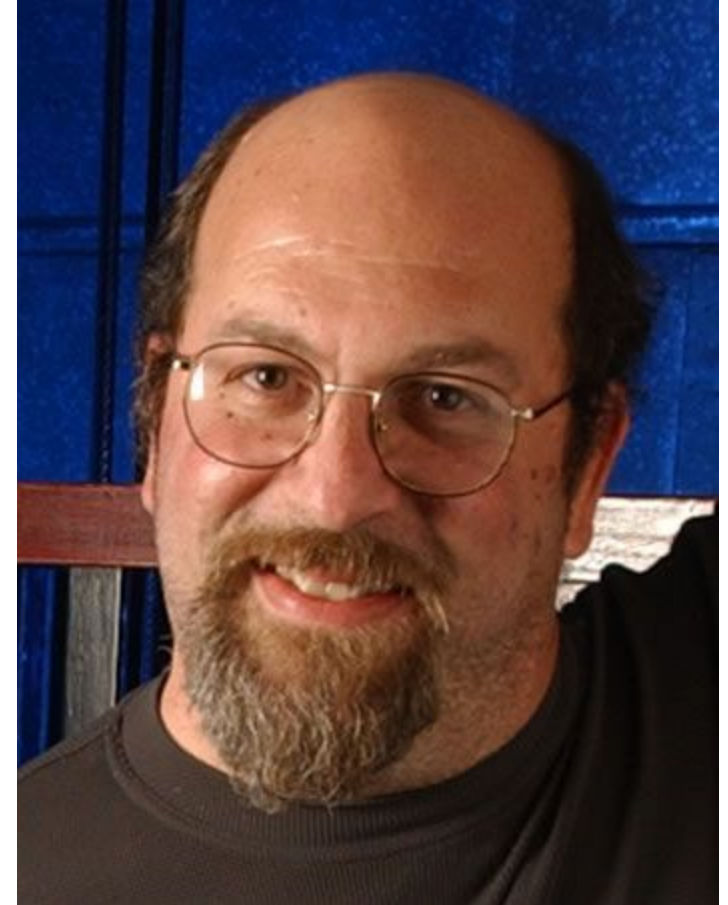
I am a racist. I hate shitty white people.

2:36 a.m. · 29 Sep 17

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**2** Retweets **2** Likes





Williams was born in [Clarks, Nebraska](#), as the third child of Laurie Howe and Monte Williams.<sup>[4]</sup> He grew up on a farm in Clarks, where he assisted with crop irrigation during the summers. He attended the [University of Nebraska–Lincoln](#) for a year and a half, where he joined [FarmHouse Fraternity](#), leaving to pursue his career.<sup>[5][6][7]</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc\\_Canter#Accusations\\_of\\_Sexual\\_Harassment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Canter#Accusations_of_Sexual_Harassment)



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Jul 6

## The New Normal

I want to apologize to Wendy Dent for [using a sexual innuendo to end our relationship](#). I should never have done it.

It was stupid and was one of those “Marc Canter” moments where my unfiltered flow of sarcastic, unconventional communication and behavior backfired on me.

I’m sorry.

I realize the impression of my statement are being misconstrued and being blown WAY out of proportion, but that doesn’t matter. If she didn’t like it and the NYTimes thought it was important enough to report — than I’ll deal with it.

In fact — all this attention and scrutiny I’ve been getting has certainly shown me how important every single I say and do — matters.

I never intended to hurt Wendy, to betray her or to in anyway — lead her on or seduce her. This is back 2 years ago when she approached me.

I made it clear to her I wasn't an investor — so all I could do was give her my honest opinion and feedback. And I did.

But that's just the beginning of this story. By being included in a story about Dave McClure and Chris Sacca — I have received a whole lotta attention — whether I deserve it or not.

From now on I'll be known as the guy who “*got rid of Wendy Dent by coming onto her.*” That was wrong and I admit it.

It is endemic of the Bro culture that permeates in the Valley — obviously to NON investors like myself — who are just stating our opinion and giving feedback to female entrepreneurs.

The real issue is: “*what comes next?*”

[As danah boyd wrote:](#) “*The question is whether or not he (Me) will admit that to himself, let alone to others.*”

danah was referring to the fact that when I first met her — 15 years ago — I propositioned her for a threesome with my wife. I realize that was stupid and wrong and I certainly NEVER intended to make danah feel uncomfortable, ashamed, and scared!

So I apologize to danah — as well.

I totally agree that we men — as a whole — need to change and I will be the first one to admit I need to change. So I'm gonna do that!

Here are the four areas that danah suggests we change:

Recognition — its the small things that matter. I'm helping out various female run companies — and I hope others will do the same. I'll be very careful in the future to make SURE that all feedback I give is stripped of anything that even differentiates between female or male. There are great ideas being percolated and dreamed up — every day — and each of them deserve “the light of day” — regardless of who dreams them up.

Repentance — I hope that this note will communicate properly to Wendy my sincere apology. And to danah. And I wish to extend my apology to any other female I might have offended in the past.

Respect — all the way. Especially to the female run startups I know of — and am helping (as we speak): [Ariel McNichol](#) of [SmartSpark](#) and [Lisa Padilla](#) of [NewPathVR](#)

Reparation — I am actively seeking to recruit female engineers and board members.

For myself and my current company — [Instigate.ai](#) we are focused 1,000,000% on positive, move forward actionable efforts to help facilitate change.

That's the best thing I can do — focus on real ACTION - rather than just talk which moves us all towards encouraging and supporting behavior change.

Again — I sincerely apologize to Wendy and I wish her nothing but the best of luck on her endeavor.

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One clap, two clap, three clap, forty?  
By clapping more or less, you can signal to us which stories really stand out.  
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Customers as authors are finding the tools (Patreon and Distrokid) to route around the established media powers and apply the notion of “tipjars” to content distribution.

But is that enough?

P&Gs sales were down 15% last year and they blame the demise of soap operas (and NetFlix) as the reason. With housewives watching NetFlix instead of Soap Operas they’re not buying LESS mattresses or razor blades, they’re buying direct from Casper (<https://casper.com/>) and Dollar-Shave-Club (<https://www.dollarshaveclub.com/>.)

So where does marketing fit in this new economy?

As Francine commented — directly asking customers for their needs is one way — and I believe that’s called VRM.

We’re working on a way for brands to sponsor content — directly — and let the author directly benefit from this sponsorship.

When I “publish” my Storytelling Bot — I choose who’s my sponsor — and I split the take 50%/50% with my Bot’s tool vendor.

Is that called marketing or a new form of advertising or what?





In September 2016, Twitter shares rose 20% after a report that it had received takeover approaches.<sup>[102]</sup> Potential buyers were [Alphabet](#) (parent company of [Google](#)),<sup>[102]</sup> [Microsoft](#),<sup>[103][104][105]</sup> [Salesforce.com](#),<sup>[102][106]</sup> [Verizon](#),<sup>[106]</sup> and [The Walt Disney Company](#).<sup>[107][108]</sup> Twitter's board of directors were open to a deal, which could have come by the end of 2016.<sup>[102][109]</sup> However, no deal was made, with reports in October stating that all the potential buyers dropped out partly due to concerns over abuse and harassment on the service.<sup>[110][111][112]</sup> In June of 2017, Twitter revamped its dashboard to improve the new user experience.<sup>[113][114]</sup>

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"Reading fiction builds empathy. You learn that everybody else out there in the world is a me, as well" - Neil Gaiman

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**Seth Abramson** @SethAbramson

Replying to @SethAbramson

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# Dick Costolo

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**Dick Costolo**



**Richard William "Dick" Costolo** (pronounced: <sup>[1]</sup>[/ˈkɒstəlou/](#)) was the [CEO](#) of [Twitter](#) from 2010 to 2015; he also served as the [COO](#) before becoming CEO. He took over as CEO from [Evan Williams](#) in October 2010. On June 11, 2015, it was announced that Costolo would step down as CEO on July 1, 2015 and would be replaced by Twitter co-founder and chairman [Jack Dorsey](#) on an interim basis until the Board of Directors could find a replacement.<sup>[2]</sup> On August 8, 2015, [The New York Times](#) reported that Costolo would be leaving Twitter's Board of

Directors by the end of the year or when a new CEO is appointed.<sup>[3]</sup>

Costolo graduated in 1985 with a B.S. degree in computer and communication sciences from the [University of Michigan](#).<sup>[4]</sup> Costolo became involved in theater during his senior year<sup>[5]</sup> at the University of Michigan, when he began taking theater classes to fulfill the university's graduation requirements. Upon graduation, he decided not to accept offers from technology companies and instead moved to Chicago to work in [improvisational comedy](#).<sup>[6]</sup> Costolo used to perform with Chicago's [Annoyance Theater](#) and at various comedy festivals in other places.<sup>[7]</sup>

After his improv career in Chicago, Costolo was at [Andersen Consulting](#) for 8 years, where he was a senior manager in product and technology groups. He then co-founded Burning Door Networked Media, a web design and development consulting company, which was acquired by Digital Knowledge Assets in October 1996. He then co-founded SpyOnIt, a web page monitoring service, which was sold to 724 Solutions in September 2000.

In 2004, Costolo, along with Eric Lunt, Steve Olechowski, and Matt Shobe, founded the [web feed](#) management provider [FeedBurner](#). After [Google](#) bought FeedBurner in 2007, Dick Costolo became an employee of the search giant.<sup>[2]</sup> After the acquisition, Costolo began working in other areas of Google. In July 2009, he left Google, and in

September 2009 it was announced that he was joining Twitter as its COO.<sup>[8]</sup> Although his 2010 takeover as CEO was supposed to be temporary, while CEO [Evan Williams](#) was on paternity leave, it eventually became a permanent position.<sup>[6]</sup> In 2011, he would notably proclaim about Twitter that "We're the free speech wing of the free speech party."<sup>[9]</sup>

In May 2011, it was announced that President Obama had appointed Costolo to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, along with the Corporate Vice President of Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Group, Scott Charney, and McAfee President of Security David DeWalt.<sup>[10]</sup>

In January 2012, he was embroiled in the [SOPA](#) controversy after commenting on [Wikipedia](#)'s planned blackout.<sup>[11]</sup> He stated, "That's just silly. Closing a global business in reaction to single-issue national politics is foolish."<sup>[12]</sup>

